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Submitted herewith is a copy of the Japanese Office Action for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 9-232549 filed

August 28, 1997. The Japanese Office Action cites the following references:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 1-270462, (FUJI PHOTO FILM CO LTD), published October 27, 1989; and
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-284011, (RICOH KK), published October 27, 1995.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

- (3) Sakaguchi, U.S. Patent No. 5,534,916, issued July 9, 1996.

Reference (3) is a corresponding U.S. Patent of reference (2).

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